Reduced Outlay for Khadi and Village Industry

1287. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether plan outlay for khadi and village industries sector has been successfully reduced after Second Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) No Sir. On the contrary the outlay for khadi and village industries sector has increased during the successive Plan periods as reflected below:-

Funds made available to KVI	*(Rs. in crores)*
Second Plan	78.71
Third Plan	86.90
Annual Plan (1966-67 to 68-69)	53.05
Fourth Plan	97.73
Fifth Plan	118.26
Annual Plans (1978-79 & 79-80)	154.20
Sixth Plan	521.72
Seventh Plan	613.46

(b) In view of the reply at (a) above this does not arise.

Extension of Consumer Protection Act, 1986

1288. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 with a view to bringing civic services like water supply, health cover and house construction within the ambit of the act;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c). Government had constituted a high power Working Group to suggest suitable amendments to the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 to make it more effective. In